

A Grace Note from the Rector  
September 29, 2022

Dear Ones,

Autumn has arrived, with its cool temperatures and today's Feast of Michael and All Angels, or **Michaelmas**. We recall these mysterious beings at every Eucharist when the priest says, *with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven*. It is Michael who defeats Lucifer in the war in heaven (Revelation 12:7–10). British folklore says that Michaelmas is the last day that blackberries should be picked, because when Lucifer fell from heaven, he landed in a prickly blackberry bush, and cursed the fruit! Michaelmas Daisies are asters that bloom late in the season.

In and around the parish, there is much to do...

Sunday is the annual **Mertens Organ Series Concert**, established by Bea Mertens and her late husband Tom. Notre Dame organist **KOLA OWOLABI** will perform at **Sursa Performance Hall** at **3pm**. All are welcome to this **free concert**.

We can still use some volunteers for Gathering Grace on Sunday afternoon. You can be of help **anytime between 12-4; between 2-4 is the most important**. If you can help, or if you have questions, please contact Connie Turner at [jocoturner@gmail.com](mailto:jocoturner@gmail.com). Thank you in advance!

As Hallowe'en approaches, please consider donating **individually wrapped Hallowe'en candy** to distribute to Gathering Grace guests on October 30.

Join our ecumenical partners on the Feast of St. Francis for the **Annual Blessing of the Animals** at Lutheran Church of the Cross (4401 Wheeling Avenue, Muncie) on **Tuesday, October 4 at 6pm**.

Updated **directories of Members & Friends of Grace Church** are now available. There will be hard copies at the Greeter's table. If you want an electronic version, please let our Office Manager, Amy O'Neal know at [gracechurchparish@gmail.com](mailto:gracechurchparish@gmail.com).

#### **CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES ~ URGENT NEEDS**

**Disinfectant spray, washcloths, and blankets.** Look for the Christian Ministries cart in the cloister. God bless your generosity!

#### **A BETTER WAY ~ OCTOBER NEEDS**

New Bed Pillows, Cleaning Supplies (wipes, dish soap, cleansers, paper towels, etc.), Children's Cereal Bowls, Flatware (new or gently used especially spoons). Thank you for your donations. They greatly help with our monthly budget.

#### **GRACE VILLAGE CAMPUS MINISTRY**

Grace Village's Wednesday morning Wild Card Café needs **individual trail mix packets, gluten-free breakfast bars, and bottled coffee drinks**. Look for the Grace Village donation box in the Cloister. Thank You!

#### **GIRL SCOUT TROOP 3917 PROJECT**

The Troop welcomes your CLEAN Plastic Tops/Lids. A container can be found in the Parish Kitchen for your donations. Jo Ann Beckley meets monthly with the troop leader to deliver what we collect. Keep them coming!!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**Tony Brinkman** (October 1)

**Ruby Woldmoe** (October 3)

**Adam Beach** (October 4)

*O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Finally, **speaking of angels**... Several people have asked me about the icon that was presented to new members last Sunday. The **Rublev Trinity** is honored as one of the greatest icon treasures of the world, showing forth the Holy Trinity revealed to Abraham and Sara in the form of **three angels** (Genesis 18).

For me, it is the great icon of hospitality. You will notice one just above the credence table to the left of the altar. Andre Rublev painted this masterpiece in the early 15<sup>th</sup> century for the iconostasis of the Holy Trinity Cathedral at the Trinity Lavra St. Sergius Monastery in Sergej Posad, Russia. Rublev inherited an iconography that included Abraham and Sarah, but he chose to remove them to emphasize the transcendent revelation to humanity of the ever-present Triune Godhead.

The principal interpretation of this icon is that the central angel represents God the Son, who with the angel on the right representing God the Holy Spirit, turn their inclined heads towards the angel on the left representing God the Father. Luminous robes, majestic faces, and bright but subtle colors serve to draw the viewer's attention into and beyond the figures themselves to contemplate heaven. Blessed be the Holy and Undivided Trinity. Amen.



God bless you in these days,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. +', located below the text 'God bless you in these days,'.

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